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Identical letters dated 22 August 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Indonesia and South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

On 14 July 2008 in Jakarta, Indonesia, the Governments of the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of South Africa co-chaired the New Asia-Africa Strategic Partnership Ministerial Conference on Capacity-Building for Palestine.

We have the honour to submit to you the outcome document of the said Conference (see annex) and request your kind assistance to circulate this document as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 18, and of the Security Council, and to distribute it to all States Members of the General Assembly.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 22 August 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Indonesia and South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

Co-Chairs Statement
New Asian-African Strategic Partnership (NAASP)
Ministerial Conference On Capacity Building for Palestine
Jakarta, Indonesia 14 July 2008

We, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and the Minister of Social Development of the Republic of South Africa had the honor to co-chair the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine, convened on the 14th of July 2008 in Jakarta.

The Ministers of Asian and African Countries enjoined themselves in this historical assembly to reaffirm our commitment to the spirit of solidarity as avowed in our Leaders' Declaration during the Asian-African Summit of 2005 in Jakarta, in supporting the Palestinian people in their struggle to establish a viable and sovereign Palestinian state, in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions.

Inspired by this spirit, we have cast our commitment to accelerate the development of the Palestinian people through the projects of capacity building. We believe the projects will constructively empower the Palestinian people, in preparing for and anticipating the eventuality of the establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian state in the near future.

Acknowledging the dynamics of events which created a positive climate for the attainment of peace in the Middle-East region, we share the common view that the NAASP initiative to assist the Palestinian people would yield positive outcomes, particularly in complementing the ongoing peace process.

It is, however, disappointing to note that the conditions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory have not improved since the Annapolis Conference as represented by continuing expansion of Israeli settlement, restrictions-, and building of the wall.

Driven by a spirit of solidarity, we are truly pleased to note the attendance at this Conference by 56 Asian and African countries, and countries of the Latin American region, and several international organizations. This high level of attendance is a reflection of the NAASP Partnering countries' commitment, among developing countries, and collective conviction both in supporting the Palestinian cause, as well as in creating an Asian-African region at peace with itself, and with the world at large.

We share the common view that the establishment of a viable and prosperous Palestinian state can be facilitated through coordinated and well targeted capacity building.

Driven by the strong sense of determination to achieve the aforementioned goal, we the Ministers of Asian and African Countries have therefore committed ourselves to the provision of capacity building programs in the areas of economic development, including governance, women empowerment, and public works as appear in Annex 1: List of Commitments of Capacity Building for Palestine. This commitment could entail the training of as many as 10,000 Palestinian people.

The provision of the programs is aimed to provide the prerequisite factors in enabling the Palestinian people to achieve the necessary capability in ensuring the smooth running of government and public services to promote economic development. In pursuing the goal, the said programs are designed to develop professionalism and efficiency within the Palestinian state apparatus and beyond, through human-centric capacity building.

In terms of the beneficiaries, the scope of the projects includes not only Palestinian citizens residing within Occupied Palestinian Territories, but also Palestinian people living in clusters of refugee camps in surrounding areas.

We underscore the distinct character of this NAASP project in assisting the Palestinian people as sincerely initiated by the Asian-African nations based on a common historical background of colonization and underdevelopment. This project is further strengthened by the accumulated knowledge and experience of the Asian African countries in sustaining a statehood following fierce struggle for independence.

Furthermore, we are of the view that this NAASP project is uniquely tailored to respond to the actual needs of the Palestinian people, of their own choosing. In implementing the project, we also envisage the programs to be consistent and in line with the Palestinian Government's reform and development plan, which lays out a vision of how to build an independent and sovereign Palestinian state.

We are mindful that this undertaking is definitely of great value to the advancement of NAASP's intention to assist in establishing peace, justice, prosperity, and equality in the Asia-Africa region.

Resolved to ensure the success of the effective implementation of the Asian-African countries' commitment, we emphasize the need for a follow up mechanism supervised by the NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit as further elaborated in Annex 2.

We wish to extend our appreciation to the Asian and African countries for their valuable contribution to the success of the Conference and concrete capacity building commitments. We would also like to extend

our gratitude to the representatives from the Latin Americas and International Organizations for their valuable attendance and contribution to the Conference.

This Conference is not the end, but instead, the beginning of our endeavor to lend our support in helping our Palestinian brothers. We therefore encourage every Asian and African country to vigorously implement the commitments that have been made during this Conference, to harness our endeavor under the spirit of Asian-African solidarity.

The Conference acknowledged that the participating countries vary in terms of size, population, and level of development, yet our differences should not hamper us from extending our concrete support to Palestine. We therefore call upon the Asian-African and partnering countries including international organizations to continue lending their support to our Palestinian brothers and sisters.

Jakarta, 14 July 2008

LIST OF COMMITMENTS
CAPACITY BUILDING FOR PALESTINE
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ASIA

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Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of							To be determined later
Azerbaijan, Republic of							To be determined later
Bahrain, Kingdom of							To be determined later
Bangladesh, People's Republic of	Economic Development		Guiding in the Establishment of seed laboratory		Annual	Ministry of Agriculture	Through Bangladesh Training Centers and Resource personnels
			Guiding in the development of irrigation network and providing training on irrigation		Annual	Ministry of Agriculture	
	Social Sector		Credit Loan Program For Women in Rural And Marginalized Areas and Capacity building for small grassroot/ NGOs		Annual	Ministry of Women Affairs	
			Training primary level teachers		Annual	Ministry of Education and Higher Education sector	
			Capacity building in case of Youth and sports		Annual	Ministry Of Youth And Sports	

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Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
	Governance		Enhancing capacity building of the MoFA /Training for diplomats, administration , Police and Judicial, service official		Annual	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Establishment, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Law	
Brunei Darussalam							Brunei Darussalam is still looking into the details of the projects
Cambodia, Kingdom of							To determined later
China, People's Republic of							To be determined through bilateral consultation with PNA
India, Republic of	Economic Development	60 (Total Number) Per Year	Trainings on Management		Short Term	Ministry of National Economy & Palestinian Standard Institution	Under Indian and Technical Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Program, Administration, ITU Technical Cooperation Division of the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi
			Trainings on SMEs, Rural Development		Short Term		
	Governance		Trainings on Information Technology and Telecommunications		Short Term	General Personnel Council	
	Social Sector		Education and Technical Courses		Short Term	Ministry of Education and Higher Education sector	
Indonesia, Republic of	Governance	60 (total number for governance sector)	Diplomatic Training for Diplomats		2008-2013	DFA	
	Infastructure	130 (total number for infrastructure sector)	Training course on project cycle		2008-2013	Department of Public Works	
			Water & Wastewater management		2009-2013	Bandung Institute of Technology	

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	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
	Economic Development	189 (Total for economic development sector)	Training Program for business incubator develop SMEs		2009-2013	DFA	
			Training Program on Micro-Finance for AA Countries		2008-2013	DFA, State Secretariat	
			Training Course for primarily bedouins and small farmers on raising and improving the shami goats		2010-2013	Dept. of Agriculture	
			Training course on cat fish aquaculture		2009-2013	Dept. of Marine and Fisheries	
			Training on museum administration		2009	Dept. of Culture and Tourism	
			Apprenticeship program for Palestine on SMEs development		2008-2013	DFA, State Secretariat	
	Social Development	447 (Total number for social sector)	Dharmasiswa sholarship		2009-2013	Dept. of Education	
			Scholarship on tourism and management		2009	Dept. of Culture and Tourism	
			Training on mechanical draft		2009-2013	Dept. of Industry	
			Training on piping design		2009-2013	Dept. of Industry	
			Scholarship from Hasanuddin University		2009	Hasanuddin university	
			Training for Teachers		2009	Hasanuddin university	
			Post Graduate Scholarship		2009-2013	Bandung Institute of Technology	
			Post Graduate Scholarship		2009-2013	Parahyangan University	

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	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
			International workshop on women empowerment on development participation		2008-2013	DFA, State Secretariat, Ministry of Women Empowerment	
			Scholarship at Islamic universities in Indonesia		2009-2013	Dept. of Religious Affairs	
			TCTP on maternal child health		2008	State Secretariat	
			TCTP Vocational rehabilitation for persons with disabilities		2008	State Secretariat	
			Training for fire brigade personnel		2009-2013	Jakarta Provincial Government	
			Training on recording oral history and electronic data system		2009-2010	National Archive	
Iran, Islamic Republic of		1000 (total number)					To be determined later
Iraq, Republic of							To be determined later
Japan							To be determined later
Jordan, Hashemite Kingdom of							To be determined after bilateral consultation with PNA
Democratic People's Republic of Korea							To be determined later
Republic of Korea	Governance, economic development and HRD	200 (total number)	Training program (Technical cooperation assistance)		2008-2010	Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)	To be determined later
	Health Care	To be determined	To be determined		2008-2010	KOICA	

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	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
State of Kuwait							To be determined later
Kyrgyztan, republic of							To be determined later
Lao PDR							To be determined later
Lebanese Republic							To be determined later
Malaysia	Details to be determined later		Technical expertise to conduct projects under Capacity Building Programme for OIC Countries				Funding through IDB Fund
Myanmar, Union of							To be determined later
The Sultanate of Oman							To be determined later
Pakistan, Islamic Republic of	Governance		Rental subsidy for Palestinian embassy in Islamabad		Continuation since 1995		
	Social Sector	50+10	Reserved seats for students in the fields of Engineering, medicine, Dentistry & Pharmology		Continuation of programme since 1976		
		8	Stipend		Annual		Through Palestinian Embassy
			Open admission policy for self-finance students		Annual	Higher Education Commission of Pakistan	
The Philippines	Governance	2	Constructing and Furnishing a Palestinian Institute of Diplomacy		5-8 years	Department of Foreign Affairs, Technical Cooperation Council of the Philippines (TCCP), Foreign Service Institute (FSI)	

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
			Building GPC's staff capacities in administrative monitoring of ministries and agencies		5-8 years		
			Develop and sustain the capacity of environment quality authority		5-8 years	TCCP, Department of Environment and Natural Resources	
			Increase work efficiency for staff and judges; development a judicial institute		5-8 years	TCCP, Philippines Judicial Academy	
			Increasing work efficiency for staff & judges and development of judicial initiative				
			Facilitation and efficiency increase of the civil service law work mechanis, basic working skill training for PNA staff,		5-8 years	TCCP, Development Academy of the Philippines	
	Economic Development	3	Establishing and developing a community-based marine protected area management program		5-8 years	TCCP	
		3	Alternative livelihood training program		5-8 years	TCCP	

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	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
			Development of a database for both tourism and cultural heritage sectors, and training of personnel			TCCP, Department of Tourism (DOT), National Commission on Culture and Arts (ACCA)	
	Social Sector		National strategy for teacher qualification and training		5-8 years	TCCP, Department of Education	
			Training on the professionals specialized diploma in supervision, inclusive education, school leadership, librarian		5-8 years	TCCP, Department of Education	
			Improve clinical laboratory performance		5-8 years	TCCP, Department of Health	
			Develop unified protocols for health education and promotion		5-8 years	TCCP, Department of Health	
			Disaster Management; Enterpreneurship, fisheries		5-8 years	TCCP, Department of Agriculture	
State of Qatar							To be determined later
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Social Sector		Constructing and Furnishing the Palestine Institution of Diplomacy			Saudi Fund through Alaqsa fund administrated by the Islamic Development bank	The magnitude of the Possible Finance will be determined in a later stage when Al aqsa fund completes the appraisal of the projects

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
Singapore	Governance	Total 23 projects	Projects of Institutional Development and support to the Ministry of Planning for aid harmonisation Phase II, and National Monitoring and Evaluation system under the schemes Performance Management				Existing Schemes under SCP/AMED Courses
			Project of Training and Rehabilitting the Employees of the Ministry of National Economy under the Productivity Management for Government Officials				
			Project of Capacity Building of the Ministry of Local Governance and local governments (bodies) under the Public governance and administration in Singapore				

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
	Social Sector		Project of Tourism Sustainability, Creation of a Tourism Activation Board, Local and Outside training course and scholarships for the tourism and cultural heritage sectors, and legislation of Tourist Sector and Cultural heritage under the schemes of Destination Development and Marketing				
	Economic Development		Trade Corridors facilitation program Executive Programme in Logistic and Distribution,				

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
			Capacity building and infrastructure of quality (develop media center) Capacity building funds of private sector for export purposes Implementation of Trade Agreement and arrangements Improving competitiveness/competitive capacity of Palestinians export and opening new market for them capacity building of Industrial projects (quality awards for industrial distinction) Trade law				

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	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
	Governance		Accounting financial system for the ministry of Finance under the schemes of Chief Information officer Training programme on the Strategic Planning anad management Information Technology				
			Accounting financial system for the Ministry of Finance under the schemes of e-Government: Journey towards Public Sector Excellence				
			Computerise Administrative and Financial System under the scheme of Information Technology Management				

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	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
			Electronic Documents Management System (EDMS) Computerise Administrative and Financial System under the scheme of Use of Information Technology in Public Administration				
	Social Sector		Develop and sustain the capacity of environment quality authority under the scheme of Energy Efficiency through Clean Technologies				
			Develop and sustain the capacity of environment quality authority under the scheme of Environmental Protection and Health Management				

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
			Building the capacities of the Water Authority and the Users' Associations under the scheme of Senior Management Workshop in Sustainable Water Resources Management				
			Develop and Sustain the Capacity of Environment the Capacity of Environment Quality Authority under the scheme Urban Planning and Environment Management in Singapore				
			Building the capacities of the Water Authority and the Users' Associations under the scheme of Used Water Management				

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	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
			Provide adequate number and competences of human resources (4.2, 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5 from PRDP) under the scheme of Hospital Management				
			Continuing education program-develop systems and materials, provide effective emergency services (4.6 PRDP template) under the scheme Short Course on Medical and Humanitarian Emergencies				

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
			Active Teaching Methods develop and Implement Training Strategy National Strategy for Teacher Qualification and Training Strengthen Readiness for Primary Eeducation under the scheme of Enhancing Pedagogy Skills for Teacher Trainers				

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
			Active Teaching Methods Technical and Managerial Skills for Head Teachers Training the Administrators in the Ministry of Education and Higher Education Trainnig on the professional specialised diploma in supervision, inclusive education, school leadership, librarians under the scheme of Leading Change in Education				

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
			Active teaching Methods Develop and implement Training Strategy National Strategy for Teacher Qualification and Training Strengthen Readiness for Primary Education under the scheme of Train-the-Trainers in Early Childhood Development				

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
			Build GPC's staff capacities in administrative monitoring of ministries and agencies procedural and legal reform of the HR management and development Human Development and Capacity of SAACB Capacity Building of Employees under the scheme of Human Resource Management in the Civil Service (RTCPA in Qatar, AMED)				
			Capacity Building of MOFA under the scheme of Language and/or Protocol (Customised by MFA)				
			courses on english languge				
Republic of Sri Lanka	Social Sector		Strengthening Readiness for Primary Education: Training of Grade (1) and KG Teachers on ECCD				

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
Thailand, Kingdom of		75 scholarship	agriculture, public health, tourism, economics and trade, services and investment		3 years	Thailand International Development Agency	Short term training (60), Master degree (15) for Palestinian Authorities
			tourism sustainability project to be discussed bilaterally			Thailand International Development Agency	
Timor Leste, Democratic republic of							To be determined later
Turkey, repubic of	Governance		Constructing and Furnishing the Palestine Institution of Diplomacy		2008-2010	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Turkey
			Capacity building of the ministry of Foreign Affairs of Palestine				
United Arab Emirates				USD 43,000,000	Annual		
Vietnam, Socialist Republic of	Social Sector	7 (Total Number)	Education/Training on Vietnamese studies			Ministry of Education and Higher Education sector	

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Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
People's Democratic Republic of Algeria	Economic Development - Energy	2	Experts Training for the establishing of the electricity Sector organizational Committee			Energy Authority	
	telecommunication and information technology		Legal, Economic and technical Skills				
	Ministry of Industry and Investment Promotion		1) Phase II of the UNIDO integrated program to support the Palestinian Industry: Vocational Training 2) Industrial zone in Tulkarem: training for workers (manly) in the new industries 3) Developing systems to grant standardization certification				with the reservation for conventional financing

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
	Infrastructure		Sharing Algerian Experience in Procedures of Credit Mobilization to finance and manage the Building of renovating rural Houses for low income Families			Ministry of National Economy	
Angola, Republic of							To be determined later
Arab Republic of Egypt	Governance- Security field		Training program, in cooperation with Donor parties to enhance capacity building in the field of mantaining order and law enforcement			Ministry of Interior	To be implemented in cooperation with international donors
			Programs and training courses ini public security, civil defense, traffic, prisons management, combating against drugs and terrorism, explosives engineering and criminal research				
			Support the Palestinian Police and Prepare its personnei				

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
	Governance-Judicial field		General and special training Courses with cooperation of Donor Parties in all Palestinian Judicial Branches such as judicial structure, judicial control of implementing laws, criminal law suit, litigation levels, international criminal cooperation, mutual legal assistance, international crimes				To be implemented in cooperation with international donors
			Training courses in Judicial studies, transfer of Egyptian experiance in handling law suits, training courses for experts in medical jurisprudence and contribution to drafting legislations and laws.			Ministry of Justice	

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
	diplomatic Field		Training a gruup of Palestinian diplomats at the Institute of diplomatic Studies in Cairo to develop palestinian diplomatic performance, tarining courses may include: a) negotiation skills, b) Protocol, C)diplomatic writing, d) working Mechanism of international order			Ministry of Foreign Affairs	To be implemented in cooperation with international donors
			help to set up a library for the Plaestinian Foreign Ministry through providing books and references				
Ghana, Republic of	Governance		Training in local government administration		2009-2012	Ministry of Local Government & Rural development & institute of Local Government Studies	
Great Socialist People's of Libyan Arab Jamahiriya							To be determined later

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
Morocco, Kingdom of	Economic Development		Preparing Palestine to join the WTO as an observer member			Ministry of Foreign Trade	
			Implementation of Trade Agreement and Arrangements			Ministry of Foreign Trade	
			Rehabilitate and develop irrigation network			Ministry of Agriculture	
			Training courses and scholarships for tourism and cultural heritage sectors			Ministry of Tourism	
	Governance		Capacity Building of MOFA			Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation	
			Capacity Building of Ministry of Local Governance and Local Government (bodies)			Local Governance, Ministry of Interior	
	Infrastructure		Water and Wastewater Management			Secretary of State (Water)	
	Social Sector		Rehabilitation of the handicapped			Ministry of Social Affairs	
			Credit loan program for women in rural and marginalized areas, and capacity building for small grassroots NGOs that will implement the credit loan program			Ministry of Social Affairs	

Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
Mozambique, Republic of							To be determined later
Namibia, republic of	Social Sector	To be determined	Attachment at Governmental institutions			Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance (coordinated by MOFA)	Details to be further discussed and agreed upon bilaterally between the government of the Republic of Namibia and PNA
	Governance	4	Education Administration and Governance Management				
Nigeria, Federal Republic of							To be determined later
Senegal, Republic of							To be determined later
Somalia	To join the iniative later						To join the iniative later
South Africa, Republic of	Governance		Increase efficiency in justice sector (training for staff and judges)	Project no. 9		Constitutional Court of South Africa	
			Capacity building for MOFA (training)	Project no. 25		DFA of RSA	
	Social Sector		Training of doctors	Project no. 21		DFA - Trilateral Cooperation Arrangement	
Tunisia, Republic of							To be determined later
Zimbabwe, Republic of							To be determined later

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Other Invited Countries and International Organizations

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Countries	Commitment					Implementing Agencies	Methods of Implementation
	Sector	Number of Participant	Project	Other Form	Term		
Brazil							
Venezuela							
Islamic Development Bank							
ESCWA							
UNRWA							

FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

I. INTRODUCTION:

1. At the inaugural New Asian-African Strategic Partnership (NAASP) Summit Meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia on 24 April 2005, it was agreed to strongly support the Struggle of the Palestinian People to establish an independent state. As a follow-up to this decision, the NAASP Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in Durban, in September 2006, declared their unanimous support for the holding of an Asian-African Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine.

2. The NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine was held in Jakarta from 14 July 2008, with the main objective to assist the Palestinians in practical areas of capacity building, in order to prepare them for the eventual creation of a Palestinian state.

3. The Conference took note of existing initiatives to assist Palestine and expressed the conviction that this Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine will complement these existing initiatives.

4. It is imperative to ensure that the outcome of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine be effectively implemented and followed up. There is an urgent need, therefore, for an integrated, interrelated and coherent implementation and follow-up of the recommendations and commitments of the Conference. The implementation process should be monitored so as to identify progress made as well as obstacles hindering full and effective implementation. Whilst NAASP Members, have the primary responsibility to ensure planning, implementation, cooperating partners also have an important role to play in contributing to, assisting in, and reviewing progress of the implementation at all levels.

5. It is in view of the above that the following is proposed as the Follow-up and Evaluation Mechanism of the outcome of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine.

II. FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM

6. The operationalisation of this mechanism will be guided by the individual and collective pledges made by the participants in the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine, which is a common vision to assist the Palestinians in practical areas of capacity building, in order to prepare them for the eventual creation of a Palestinian state.

7. The overall objective of the Mechanism will be to assess and evaluate progress made in the implementation of the Ministerial Co-Chair Statement and List of Commitments of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine.

8. In furthering the spirit of transparency and accountability, the Follow Up Mechanism shall include dissemination of the progress and other related information of the implementation of capacity building projects through the existing NAASP Virtual Secretariat to enable NAASP Co-Chairs, Palestine National Authority, Pledging States and other stakeholders to continuously monitor its process.

9. Each level of participant in the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine would carry the following specific responsibilities:

ROLE OF THE COORDINATING UNIT

10. As the Co-Chairs of this NAASP Project and lead-coordinators of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine, Indonesia and South Africa together with the Palestinian Representatives in their respective countries, (hereinafter referred to as the NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit), will coordinate the follow-up, tailor the commitments to fit the needs of Palestine, and monitor the implementation of the projects in the List of Commitments of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine.

11. The NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit will perform the following functions:

11.1 Co-ordinate and integrate the Palestine Capacity Building proposals with the pledges made at the Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine into a List of Commitments as the first step towards implementation.

11.2 To monitor progress in the implementation of the decisions of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine, including:

11.2.1 Sensitising Asian and African countries and international intergovernmental and non governmental organisations about the need to coordinate actions and programmes to implement the List of Commitments of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine, through various capacity building implementation mechanisms, including tripartite arrangements.

11.2.2Verifying that all Pledging States establish national capacity and mechanisms to follow-up and evaluate the implementation of the List of Commitments within their own respective competence and according to their respective domestic mechanisms; and

11.2.3 Liaising with the Government of each Pledging State and the Office of the President in the Palestine National Authority in order to establish modalities for the monitoring and implementation of the List of Commitments;

11.3 Prepare relevant reports for consideration by the NAASP Co-Chairs including:

11.3.1 A progress report on the follow-up activities of the Pledging States to NAASP Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM);

11.3.2 Analytical reports prior to the NAASP Ministerial Meeting to assess the status of implementation including factors and issues contributing to, or affecting the implementation of the projects in the List of Commitments of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine;

11.4 Cooperate with other Asian, African, Regional, and International Organisations concerned with the development of Palestine related to capacity building issues and problems and to mobilize resources and support therefore;

11.5 Promote technical co-operation with international co-operation organizations and other agencies, in cooperation with the Office of the President in the Palestine National Authority to support the Pledging States/Parties in their efforts to implement the projects in the List of Commitments.

ROLE OF THE PLEDGING STATE:

12. Respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Pledging States will be responsible for following up the implementation of projects in the List of Commitments of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine.

13. Respective Ministries/implementing agencies shall be responsible to develop detailed Terms of Reference in accordance to prevailing domestic mechanism using the List of Commitments of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine as a guideline or framework. Ministries shall also utilize various capacity building implementation methods, including tripartite arrangements.

14. Respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Asian and African countries shall notify the implementation progress of the pledged projects, in consultation with the Palestinian authorities, as well as any other National or International implementing agency utilised to assist with implementation with the relevant projects, and submit them to the NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit.

15. Each Pledging State or Organisation shall provide and continuously update the NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit, in their capacity as coordinators of the NAASP Capacity Building for Palestine projects, the name or names and personal information (address, e-mail address, phone and fax number) of the person or persons identified as their representative responsible to coordinate with the NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit on any issue related to this project. When more than one person is appointed, the party shall indicate the name of the person who shall lead the group. In this case, this person shall be the contact point for the Coordinating Unit and the Office of the President in the Palestine National Authority in distributing documents and for all communications.

ROLE OF PALESTINE:

16. The role of the Palestinian Authorities in ensuring the successful implementation of the projects in the List of Commitments of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine, will be to establish necessary conditions on the ground, conducive to the implementation of the pledges or projects of the NAASP.

17. The Office of the President of the Palestine National Authority will act as an interface for the NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit, authorizing every step in the implementation of the NAASP projects, as contained in the List of Commitments.

18. The Office of the President will be responsible to identify and provide the NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit with acceptable financial arrangements, for their approval, through which all eligible expenditures related to the NAASP projects could be channelled.

19. There will be an agreed-upon process of validation, certification, audit, and oversight of all expenditures made in the process of implementation of the NAASP projects, in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

20. The Palestinian Authorities will assist the NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit in identifying international organisations and other agencies to support the NAASP Pledging States or parties in the execution or implementation of the projects in the List of Commitments.

ROLE OF THE NAASP CO-CHAIRS

21. The NAASP Co-Chairs will perform the following functions:

21.1 Monitor progress in the implementation of the projects in the List of Commitments of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine, including:

21.1.1 To consider the progress report submitted to the Co-Chairs by the NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit on the follow-up activities of the Pledging States;

21.1.2 To consider the analytical reports submitted to the NAASP Co-Chairs by the NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit to assess the status of implementation including factors and issues contributing to, or affecting the implementation of the projects in the List of Commitments of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine prior to the NAASP Ministerial Meeting; and

21.1.3 To consider the proposals by the Coordinating Unit to address constraints and problems hindering the implementation of projects;

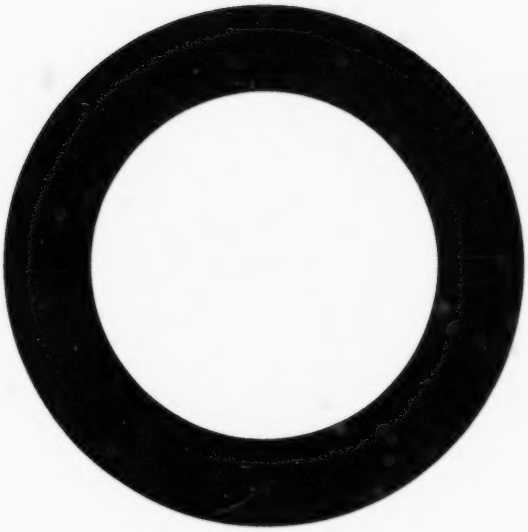
21.2 Promote cooperation with other Asian, African, Regional, and International Organisations concerned with the development of Palestine related to capacity building issues and problems.

21.3 The NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit as well as representatives of the Palestinian Authorities will assist the NAASP Co-Chairs in the execution of these functions.

21.4 At the conclusion of the review by the NAASP Co-Chairs of the progress with implementation, the NAASP Co-Chairs will circulate a report on the progress to the NAASP Member States.

21.5 The NAASP Co-Chairs will submit a report on the progress in the implementation of the projects in the List of Commitments of the NAASP Ministerial Conference on Capacity Building for Palestine to the NAASP Ministerial Meeting.

21.6 Within a period of 5 (five) years, the NAASP Co-Chairs will consider the role, memberships as well as the need for the continuation of the NAASP Palestine Capacity Building Coordinating Unit.



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Letter dated 15 August 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Panama Declaration adopted by the delegations of Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Peru at the Second Ministerial Conference on International Cooperation against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime, held from 26 to 29 May 2008 in Panama City (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 106, 107 and 108, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 15 August 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Second Ministerial Conference on International Cooperation against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime

Panama, 26-29 May 2008

Panama Declaration

The delegations of Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Peru, participating in the Second Ministerial Conference on International Cooperation against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime (hereinafter referred to as the Second Ministerial Conference), meeting in Panama City from 26 to 29 May 2008;

Reaffirming their most vehement condemnation of terrorism and transnational organized crime, especially because the violence and corruption they involve are detrimental to the strengthening of democracy, to the enjoyment of basic rights and fundamental freedoms, and to human development;

Renewing their commitment and political will to strengthen regional and international cooperation in order to continue efforts to prevent and eradicate terrorism and transnational organized crime;

Considering that terrorism is a scourge that transcends borders, making it imperative for States to continue working in a coordinated manner to prevent and combat it comprehensively by strengthening international cooperation in the areas of mutual legal assistance and extradition, in accordance with the internal legislation of each State and with international law;

Considering and following up on the work begun under the Panama Declaration on International Cooperation against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime[1] adopted in Panama City on 7 April 2006 at the First Ministerial Conference on International Cooperation against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime;

Reiterating the importance of States ensuring that all measures taken to prevent and combat terrorism comply with international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law and with all international norms for the protection of victims;

Reaffirming the need to ensure that asylum and refuge remain humanitarian in nature and that the rights of migrants are maintained and respected by the authorities concerned with combating terrorism and transnational organized crime;

Considering that terrorism may sometimes be linked to transnational organized crime and that it is therefore necessary to improve the channels of international cooperation in order to prevent and combat the threat that such collusion may pose to States, based on the principle of shared responsibility;

Reaffirming the commitments set out in the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy,[2] adopted by consensus on 8 September 2006 by the General Assembly of

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[1] Document A/60/820 adopted by the General Assembly and Security Council document A/60/820-S/2006/265.

[2] Resolution 60/288.

the United Nations, which constitutes the frame of reference for the international community as a whole in combating terrorism in all of its forms and manifestations;

Reaffirming also the conviction that strengthening efficient and effective international cooperation is an absolute priority in combating terrorism and transnational organized crime;

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/71 of 6 December 2007, which requests the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue its efforts to enhance, through its mandate, the capabilities of the United Nations in the prevention of terrorism;

Recalling also the Declaration of Panama on the Protection of Critical Infrastructure in the Hemisphere in the Face of Terrorism[3] and resolution AG/RES 2272 (XXXVII-O/07) on Support for the Work of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the last General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), in which the Assembly welcomes the offer made by the Government of the Republic of Panama to hold, inter alia, a Conference on Secure Trade and Transportation;

Emphasizing the importance of the Declaration on the Reaffirmation of the Hemispheric Commitment to Fighting Terrorism adopted at the Eighth Regular Session of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE), held in Washington, D.C. from 5 to 7 March 2008;

Recalling that, where applicable, the Hemispheric Plan of Action against Transnational Organized Crime, adopted on 25 October 2006 by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States,[4] represents the frame of reference for countries of the region in implementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the optional Protocols thereto;

Noting the ongoing work under the mandates of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), headquartered in Vienna, and of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States in providing technical assistance, strengthening cooperation among States and giving continuous support to enable States to meet their obligations under the universal instruments against terrorism[5]

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[3] Adopted at the Seventh Regular Session of CICTE (March 2007).

[4] Document CP/RES. 908 (1567/06).

[5] Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft (1963); Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (1970); Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation (1971); Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents (1973); International Convention against the Taking of Hostages (1979); Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (1980); Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation (1988); Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (1988); Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf (1988); Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection (1991); International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (1997); International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (1999); International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (2005); Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (2005); Protocol to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf (2005); Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (2005).

and transnational organized crime as well as under the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism, and expressing their appreciation to the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC and to the Secretariat of CICTE of the OAS Secretariat for Multidimensional Security for co-hosting this Second Ministerial Conference;

Acknowledging also the presence of the Executive Directorate of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, the group of experts of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, INTERPOL, the Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Eurojust, the Guardia di Finanzas of Italy and the National Court (Audiencia Nacional) and Office of the Attorney General of Spain;

Declare that:

1. We recognize the importance of the international counter-terrorism instruments and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Optional Protocols thereto. In that connection, we urge all States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying them;

2. We congratulate the participating States that, since the adoption of the 2006 Panama Declaration, have become parties to the universal and regional instruments against terrorism and transnational organized crime, have adopted internal measures to incorporate the obligations arising from the said instruments into their national legislation, and have submitted reports to the Security Council committees concerned with counter-terrorism as well as the questionnaires on the application of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Optional Protocols thereto;

3. We invite the States participating in this Second Ministerial Conference to continue their efforts to adopt in their internal order the legal norms necessary for the effective implementation of the international instruments aimed at combating terrorism and transnational organized crime;

4. We reiterate the importance of the principle of due process and respect for human rights in criminal proceedings relating to terrorism and transnational organized crime and the need to ensure the protection of those involved in the process and of victims;

5. We will continue to collaborate with the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) of the United Nations Security Council, established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001), and with the committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1540 (2004);

6. We urge those States that have not yet done so to complete and submit to the Office of Treaty and Legal Affairs of UNODC the questionnaires on the application of the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime and the Optional Protocols thereto;

7. We stress the importance of progress in implementing the provisions of the Hemispheric Plan of Action against Transnational Organized Crime, taking into consideration, wherever possible, the recommendations of the Group of Experts responsible for its implementation;

8. We reiterate the importance of strengthening international coordination and cooperation measures and mechanisms to prevent, combat and eliminate

terrorism and transnational organized crime. In that connection, we urge participating countries to use international instruments, in accordance with their internal legal systems, as the legal basis for requests for extradition and mutual legal assistance and invite States to consider establishing central national INTERPOL offices within their police forces and adopting effective measures to make greater use of INTERPOL Red Notices and to use the INTERPOL I-24/7 communications system and integrated solutions as alternative channels for the transmittal of requests for the exchange of information;

9. We urge those states that have not yet done so to ratify and effectively implement the Inter-American Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters;

10. The attorneys general and public prosecutors of Latin America attending this Second Ministerial Conference urge the participating countries to designate, as the central authority for international instruments relating to criminal matters, the public prosecutor's office or the institution that is competent to handle requests for legal assistance from any country;

11. We are resolved to strengthen the regional and subregional cooperation mechanisms of which countries are members, and in particular to promote coordination initiatives, especially those proposed by the Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA), the Central American Commission of Public Prosecutor's Offices, IberRED, the Iberoamerican Association of Public Prosecutor's Offices, the Security Strategy for Central America and Mexico and the Commission of Police Chiefs of Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico. In that connection and as appropriate, to use the said mechanisms, taking as an example the use of the Groove Network provided by OAS;

12. The States participating in this Second Ministerial Conference may consider developing, within the scope of these regional and subregional mechanisms, such initiatives as setting up a liaison system for public prosecutors or creating a permanent body for coordination of criminal proceedings, among others;

13. We welcome the initiative of the Government of Panama to hold a Conference on Secure Trade and Transportation in this city in September 2008 as a means of implementing the mandate set out in the Declaration on the Protection of Critical Infrastructure, adopted at the seventh meeting of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism;

14. We welcome the decision of the Government of Brazil to host the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, to be held in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil in 2010. In that connection, we urge the countries participating in this Second Ministerial Conference to continue their discussions on international cooperation to combat terrorism and transnational organized crime;

15. We call on:

(i) UNODC and the General Secretariat of OAS to continue to provide technical assistance to the participating States for the effective implementation of the universal counter-terrorism instruments, the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Optional Protocols thereto;

(ii) The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including its Terrorism Prevention Branch and its respective regional offices, to strengthen and maintain, under its mandate, the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in coordination with the relevant regional bodies such as the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of the OAS Secretariat for Multidimensional Security;

(iii) The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in close cooperation with CTC, its Executive Directorate and the other committees of the United Nations Security Council, to provide bilateral technical assistance to countries that request it in preparing and submitting their reports to the various committees;

(iv) The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in close cooperation with the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security of OAS, to provide technical and financial assistance to financial intelligence units that request it;

(v) The Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC/TPB) to increase its technical assistance and, jointly with the Secretariat of CICTE (SMS/OAS), to continue its special training programmes for judges, attorneys general and prosecutors, police officers and other authorities involved in implementing the universal counter-terrorism instruments, the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Optional Protocols thereto. We also call on UNODC/TPB and the Secretariat of CICTE (SMS/OAS) to provide technical and financial assistance for the promotion and strengthening of international cooperation, particularly in extradition matters, when required, and of mutual legal assistance to ensure the successful conclusion of criminal investigations. We also call on these organizations to continue organizing subregional and regional training seminars and workshops on strengthening international cooperation in criminal matters;

16. We acknowledge the usefulness and importance of the technical assistance tools developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, OAS and other international organizations, and we intend to consider using them in efforts to prevent, combat and eliminate international terrorism and transnational organized crime;

17. We request that the organizations participating in this Second Ministerial Conference circulate this Declaration to their respective memberships and/or member States;

18. We accept the offer of the United Mexican States to have its National Institute for the Study of Criminal Science of the Office of the Attorney General act as a training body for attorneys general, public prosecutors and experts from the countries participating in this Conference;

19. We thank the Government of the Republic of Panama for its hospitality and for having hosted this Second Ministerial Conference in Panama City from 26 to 29 May 2008.

Panama City, 29 May 2008